

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Patent Application of:

Hastings and Rosen

Application No.: 09/037,460

Filed: March 10, 1998

For: Human Vascular IBP-Like Growth Factor

Polynucleotides (as amended)

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Attorney Docket: PF147D1

Group Art Unit: 1647

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Examiner: Saoud, C.

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## **REPLY UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111**

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Office Communication mailed March 25, 2003 (Paper No. 42), please enter and consider the following remarks. Applicants submit concurrently herewith a Fee Transmittal Sheet (in duplicate) with appropriate fee and Exhibits A-C.

Claims 54-67, 75-92, 102-107, 115-119, and 122-175 are pending in the instant application.

## I. Interview

Applicants wish to thank Examiners Saoud and Stanton for the opportunity to discuss the asserted utilities with regard to the Aitkenhead and Bechard references on May 27, 2003.

## II. Rejection of Claims Under 35 U.S.C. § 101

Claims 54-67, 75-92, 102-107, 115-119, and 122-175 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 101. In particular, the Examiner states:

[t]he claimed invention is drawn to an invention with no apparent or disclosed specific and substantial credible utility for the reasons of record in paper #20, 24, 31 and 35. The instant application has provided a description of an isolated DNA encoding a protein and

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